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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action, made final, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 8, 2007, and to the Advisory Action mailed September 14, 2007, and in lieu of filing an Appeal Brief further to the Notice of Appeal filed on September 10, 2007, a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the requisite fee are enclosed.

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2007, a Reply and Amendment was properly submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on September 10, 2007; however, the amendments were not entered. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Reply and Amendment submitted September 10, 2007. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating in an